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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION ANKARA FROM SECSTATE MAR 20 REPEATED YOU:

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF REACTION OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ON
OPIUM BAN SITUATION

REF: ANKARA 02073

MARCH 20 ARTICLE APPEARING IN HURRIYET IS NOT ACCURATE.
SECRETARY BUTZ GAVE NO "SPECIAL MESSAGE TO HURRIYET." THE
SECRETARY HAD NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION "ABOUT THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO PERMIT POPPY CULTIVATION." NOR
DID HE LEARN ANYTHING ABOUT "THE SITUATION BEFORE LEAVING
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WASHINGTON."

SECRETARY BUTZ RECALLS A BRIEF INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH
"SOMEONE" IN WHICH POPPY PRODUCTION IN TURKEY WAS MENTIONED.
HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY DID NOT REPEAT NOT ENDORSE ANY RETURN
TO POPPY CULTIVATION BY TURKEY.

THE EMBASSY SHOULD CONSIDER THE HURRIYET ARTICLE TO BE IN-
ACCURATE AND SHOULD NOT BE INFLUENCED IN ITS POPPY AND OPIUM
POLICY POSITION BY THE FALSE IMPRESSIONS CONVEYED IN THE
HURRIYET ARTICLE.

IF YOU CONSIDER ADVISABLE EMBASSY MAY ISSUE DENIAL ON BASIS
OF ABOVE. KISSINGER

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